Subject: Blacksmith tokens

ANS member, 1908-1924 (his death).

Wilson, William Walter Coulthard

+ Mrs Mellie Wilson [his wife]

[Montreal, Canada]

1917-1925

April 6, 1917.

Mr. WW. W. C. Wilson
111 Crescent Street,
Montreal,
Canada.

Dear W. W. :-

Your very good and welcome letter came to hand and I have been wondering for many a day, the why and wherefore of your silence. I suppose I might have written to you. The fact of the matter is that I have been so infernally busy that I have not had a chance to answer consistently all of the mail that comes in to me.

As for Frey's Numismatic Dictionary, it will take the whole of volume 50 of the Journal and we are starting it now. I am hoping to get it done during the summer but there may be unforseen delays on account of the War. Frey will have a certain number of reprints and the Society probably will have other reprints. Your will get, as a member, one copy which will be the Journal and you can buy extra copies of the Journal, or more preferably, by the reprints. The reprints, however, are in Frey's hands and this should be ordered through him. As you are seeing Boyd about this time, he probably has given you all this information.

I will be very glad to let you have a dozen pamphlets on the Blacksmith Tokens. These I will send to you by express as you requested. I have stated these on the invoice at the wholesale price per dozen, twelve and a half cents each, but please accept them with my compliments.

The only Frey medal that I have is the original silver-plated one that I have had all along. One was sold last summer, copper-plated, and I think E. Smith bought it. Just at the present moment I don't where a copy can be had. The Society does not own one, and if I could pick one up without too much money, I would get one for the Society. As you may know a new one has been struck off with the seal of the Club on the back. Boyd has most likely brought some up with him.

I am awfully sorry to know that Dow got into your collection the way he did. When you first told me of this I was sincerely hoping that you had mislaid your coins and that they would turn up all right. I thing like that certainly puts a damper on coin collecting.

I am glad to know that you have been busy this winter and trust that things have been correspondingly prosperous with you. I am sorry to know that you will not be down here for the Dinner. I will see that you get menus and photographs. Boyd is going to look after this end of things and iff case you did not mention it to him, I will tell him also so that between the two of us you won't get left out.

We certainly have been busy here at the Society the past year as there has been a vast amount of reconstruction. However, the work is not done and things are still in moreorless of a Chaotic condition but the condition is a healthy one and things are booming here and will be in the futtre.

Take it all and all, we have not had a bad winter here, in fact it has been very mild and the two or three cold snaps we have had did not begin to compare with other winters, and as for snow, there was comparatively little of it.

The "Good Sife" and the two small girls are fine. Little Elizabeth is developing into quite a young lady, at least shee thinks so. I am afraid there will be no Boy as we have come to the conclusion that two is enough.

It is a funny thing that next to nothing is offered us here at the Society. What is offered is coins brought over by Greeks and Armenians. I don't remember seeing a decent Canadian piece since I have been in New York. However, if anything does come up that we don't want and I think will interest you, I certainly will let you know.

I wish you would remember Mrs. Wood and myself to Mellie and tell her that we would be very glad to see you both the next time you are in this neighborhood. By the time you get this letter youwill be your Allies in fact and not in theory. Now that the die is cast I suppose most people will be wondering why we did not come in long before. Although we are coming in late, from everything I can learn, I think we will come whole heartedly with our eyes open and in one form or another, will help the cause in the most material manner possible.

Don't let your silence be so long maintained again.

Yours very sincerely,

March 24th, 1925

Mrs. W. W. C. Wilson
111 Crescent Street
Montreal, Canada

Dear Mrs. Wilson:

It has been quite a long time since we have seen you, and I trust that we shall hear from you when you are next in New York.

Is it possible for you to locate the Indian Peace Medals in the collection? Those about which I want to know, are thin oval pieces engraved on one side with Washington and an Indian, and on the other side with an American eagle. I believe W.W. had two or three of these. I am very anxious to obtain photographs of them, and thought possibly you might be able to find them, and if so inclined bring them to New York when you next come this way.

With best of wishes from Mrs. Wood and myself,

Very truly yours,

Curator

111 Lenoxcent St
Montreal, May 3 - 25.

Dear Howland!

Your letter of March 24th " has followed me around, Atlantic City, Norwich & back home again!

So sorry I am not able to locate the "Indian peace Medals" for you. I have searched two days for them

without locating them. It is like finding a needle in a haystake but I gave up two days trying to find them for you, as I would like so very much to please you.

Jan Belden also asked me for them some little time ago.

I expect to be in N. Y city
some time in June
and during the mean-
time I will have another
good look for them.

I hope this finds
you and the whole
family well. If possible
will look you up when
in N. Y. ~~again~~.

I am still living at 111
crescent St and find
it very lonesome at times
especially evenings & Sun-
days. Willie was always
such good company.

Give my love to
Elizabeth and I would
so love to see her. With
best wishes, beleive me
I am

Sincerely yours
Nellie Wilson

May 18, 1925

Mrs. M. Wilson
111 Crescent Street
Montreal, Canada

My dear Mrs. Wilson:

I am sorry that you have gone to the trouble that you have in trying to locate these Indian Peace Medals. Pray don't look any further.

I wish you would let me know when you get to New York as I would like to have you come out to Flushing. You will find the children now young ladies, or rather so in their estimation.

Elizabeth wishes to be remembered and believe me

Very sincerely yours

Hw C